

Patent claims

1. Arrangement comprising a cervical prosthesis (3) and an insertion instrument (1) with a pair of gripping members (2) which grip the prosthesis (3) on opposite sides, characterized in that the gripping members (2) and the prosthesis (3) have complementary projections (18, 19) and recesses (15, 17) which precisely define the relative position of the prosthesis (3) at least in its A-P direction and can be brought into engagement and can be released from one another by relative movement of the gripping members (2) in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction of the insertion instrument (1) and transverse to the A-P direction of the prosthesis (3), and in that a holder (20) is provided which receives the prosthesis (3) with an exact fit and has, on the anterior face of the prosthesis (3), an opening (26) with guide elements (37 to 41) for guiding the insertion instrument (1) into a removal position in which the complementary projections (18, 19) and recesses (15, 17) lie opposite one another ready to engage.
2. Arrangement according to Claim 1, characterized in that releasable means (35) are provided for fixing the prosthesis (3) in the exact fit position in the holder.